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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Nilesh Shah, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/077,696	:	ON PETITION
Filed: February 13, 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No. 00121-001600000	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 5, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of August 21, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). A two-month (2) extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is January 22, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1620; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2157 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April M. Wise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" being more prominent than the last name "Wise".

April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
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